



# CITY COUNCIL SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, December 01, 2025 at 4:45 PM  
1 Benjamin Franklin Way Franklin, Ohio 45005  
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## CLERK'S JOURNAL

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Centers called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chair Brent Centers

Michael Aldridge

Mr. Matt Wilcher was running late but joined the meeting after the role call.

Staff: Mr. Westendorf, Ms. Steed, Ms. Trice, Ms. Dunn, Chief Stitzel, Chief Colon, Mr. Damian

Council member-elect Mr. Robert Lipps was present.

### 3. APPROVE THE CLERK'S JOURNAL AND ACCEPT THE TAPES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES

A. November 18, 2024

Motion made by Aldridge, Seconded by Chair Centers.

Voting Yea: Chair Centers, Aldridge

Motion passed.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fire Apparatus

Chief Stitzel presented fire apparatus replacement options. There is a stock unit Ladder Truck that is predesigned with limited customized options that would help save costs. This vehicle has a two year lead time and costs \$2.2 million. There are a couple financing options including a prepayment option that would save \$150,000. The 1998 100' Pierce Aerial is to be replaced. There have been approximately \$68,000 in repairs over the past five years. The generator is currently out and staff is working to replace with a temporary generator until the truck is replaced. Staff is looking to sell or trade in the vehicle.

Mr. Westendorf explained how funds would be received from the recent passage of the fire levy. The full amount that was approved will not be received until the end of 2026.

Chief Stitzel also reviewed an Engine option for purchase. He is looking at a 2026 BMP Pumper. There is an express lane model with limited customized options. If specs are ordered this month, it would be

delivered in December 2026. The express lane option is approximately \$850,000 instead of a full spec at \$1.1 million. This would replace Engine 17. It has the highest miles and hours in the fleet. There have been \$71,434 in repairs over the past five years. It is currently in reserve status, but can be sold or traded in.

A new medic option would be part of the normal rotation of medic replacement. Staff is looking at a F550 Medium Duty Truck Chassis. This is a more durable, longer lasting option. There is a demo available in July 2026 For \$358,420 (does not include cot mount of graphics).

Other planned purchases include replacing a battalion vehicle, turn out great, and the replacement of HVAC units at the station.

**B. Fiscal Projection Following Levy Passage**

The levy will bring in \$1,750,000. Once the SAFER grant expires, the city will have \$1,000,000 in personnel costs. If we move forward with the Aerial Platform and Engine (not the medic), the net proceeds go down to \$389,000 to cover inflation increases, pay increases, and other maintenance costs.

Council will discuss the apparatus options with all of Council later that evening.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Aldridge, Seconded by Wilcher.

Voting Yea: Chair Centers, Aldridge, Wilcher

Meeting adjourned at 5:29pm

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Brent Centers, Chair